

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0459

Title: Generally revise MEPA

**Primary
Sponsor:** Douglas Mood

Status: Second House, Third Reading,
As Amended

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	72,000	72,000
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks

1. The environmental review required in this bill means any environmental assessment, environmental impact statement, or other written analysis by the department of a proposed action.
2. The Fisheries Division annually does environmental assessments for 200 pond permits and 50 future fisheries projects.

3. The Wildlife Division annually does environmental assessments for 45 habitat enhancement projects and 5 conservation easement projects.
4. The Enforcement Division annually does 15 environmental assessments on game farm expansions, shooting preserves and fur farms.
5. This bill will require additional economic viability studies and consultation with project sponsors. The department does not have the expertise to perform the economic studies so will need to contract this work out at \$50 per hour. Conservation easement environmental assessments will require 40 hours each while all other environmental assessments will require four hours to complete.

Department of Transportation

6. Whereas the amendment has language that states the requirements of certain subsections do not apply to agencies that are preparing an EIS pursuant to NEPA federal requirements, there is no longer a fiscal impact for MDT.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FWP	FY2002	FY2003
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	72,000	72,000
<u>Funding:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	72,000	72,000
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	0	0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$72,000)	(\$72,000)